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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: Method of Identifying Inhibitors

Of TIE-2

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2003, the period for response thereto having been set to expire on April 10, 2003.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action mailed March 10, 2003, (hereinafter "instant Office Action"), and withdrawal of the restriction and election requirements directed to claims 1-88, are respectfully requested.

In the instant Office Action, claims 1-88 are listed as pending and claims 1-88 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-2 and 88, drawn to a crystalline polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350.